

Application No. 10/625,449
Preliminary Amendment dated April 27, 2004

REMARKS

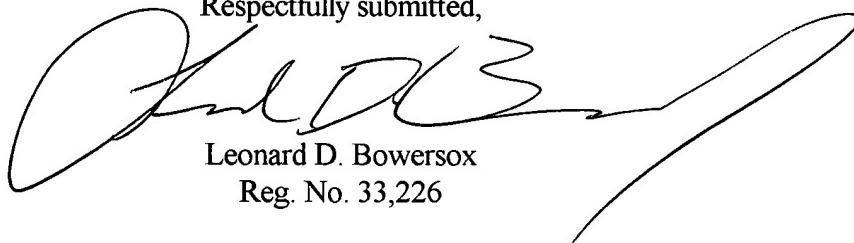
Applicants have amended paragraph [0001] to place the benefit claim to prior applications in a form requested by an Examiner at the Office of Initial Patent Examination during a telephone conference of April 21, 2004, with applicants' representative. No new matter has been added and the changes are consistent with the Declaration filed March 31, 2004.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Should any official at the USPTO deem that any further action by Applicants' representative is desirable or required, the appropriate official is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below.

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